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1. [] called from his Washington office on March 18 with no apparent purpose in mind. He volunteered that a colleague had told him that a decision had already been taken to permit direct trade by U.S. firms with mainland China. I corrected him on this point.

2. I asked about the Montreal meeting with Professor Paul Lin. [] described the affair in enthusiastic terms and said that they had accomplished more than they had hoped. He said the meeting was designed only as an exchange of views, but that they had been able to agree on a joint statement. I tried to clarify who was involved in the joint statement, but he was rather vague on this point saying only that it would be put out by the CNCP.

3. [] described a session with NCNA Chief Pu Chao-min and his interpreter. I asked if Pu spoke English and Manton

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replied affirmatively; in fact, he said, his English is better than his interpreter's who doesn't speak well. Several participants at the meeting spoke Chinese, [redacted] b6 said, and when Pu could not express something he would turn to an American rather than to his interpreter. I asked if he had invited either Pu Chao-min or Paul Lin to come to the United States for further meetings. [redacted] b6 indicated that this had been discussed but no commitments made. He said Lin's attitude is somewhat more positive than after the incident in Seattle when he was searched, however, due to the "apology" he had received from the Under Secretary.

4. Finally, [redacted] b6 asked if anyone in the United States received the complete NCNA daily file. I said that no one did to my knowledge. Apparently, Pu Chao-min has offered to mail the committee the NCNA daily file, and [redacted] b6 said they had not yet decided how to use it. I suggested they might read it and throw it away since, by the time it reached him through the mail, it would have little or no news value.

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